

**United We Ride
Region 8 Workshop
Denver
STATE OF UTAH**

NOTES: December 9, 2004

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VISION:

Within the next 10 years Utah will have a consumer responsive coordinated transportation network for all citizens who have no other means of transportation.

GOALS:

SHORT-TERM GOAL:

- #1. Enlarge the existing Utah United We Ride Committee to include all agencies and stake-holders (i.e. consumers/clients, private organizations, consumer advocates, etc.) (Note: should we change the word "committee" to "workgroup"?)
- #2. Conduct an assessment and take an inventory of existing transportation services and the related funding agencies.
 - The assessment would include an overview of federal and state regulations, and how regulations may be hindering coordination.
 - The assessment is to be conducted within 12 months from the date the grant award is received.
- #3. Evaluate the inventory of the existing transportation services/agencies to develop a plan for the provision of coordinated transportation services.
- #4. Try to get buy-in from higher level professionals (i.e. Department heads & decision-makers).
 - "Buy-In" is defined as support and action by policy makers. This may be achieved by showing (through the assessment) how a plan of coordination could result in more services without spending more money.

LONG TERM GOAL:

- #1. Implement an interagency, coordinated transportation system which would include

a "one-stop shop" model. This model would be state-wide by 2010.

- #2. Have an interagency transportation coordination council established at the Department head/Cabinet level. (i.e. include the Governor's office and the 5 Department heads).
- #3. A goal for the use of technology ?

ACTION STEPS:

- #1. Create a Coordination Plan.
- #2. Research/evaluate the impact of the different federal and state regulations related to transportation services.
- #3. Assist in the development of an memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be signed by all Department heads.

Discussion Questions:

- #1. Could we have a "transit summit"? Who would take the lead? Who would fund the summit?

Goal #1.

Action Step: Identify all of the players of the 62 agencies-getting contact numbers/names-making contact and sending invitation to January 13th meeting@1:30

Contacts-timeline by December 31st-Dept of Labor, Education, Agriculture, etc.

GAO report may have info....Pam may have report, if not Lee can send to State

Goal #2

Assessment-Secure grant moneys....Feds may have to release.....date unknown

Who will do assessment? Graduate student from University of Utah? Jan/Feb 2005

Contact someone who already has done an assessment to get technical assistance.

Responsibility Party---DOT (Leona)

DOT will send email announcement of meeting and some of the agenda items/

Will go out 12/05---to get assessment tools from other states, etc.

& what software used?

Goal #3

Action: Look for resources to support

Center for Public Policy and Evaluation

Olmstead Transportation Study; F-version is available; Michael has a copy and will send out on Monday to the group

Action: Design evaluation tool -- by 6/05

Determine who will evaluate study -- by 6/05

Goal #4 "buy-in"

Barriers – Politics

Leadership Transition

Money, staff support

Message & correct message

CMS RO will send letter of support to Dept. Heads by 3/05

Awareness of legislative issues in 2005 session, Jan-March (Michael)

Action: Info for legislators on benefits of initiative –05/06

Report back to Dept Heads about United We Ride meeting – beginning 12/04 forward

All parties at the Denver Workshop

Long term Goal #1. Reaching out to the providers

#2 should be first goal....in place of #1

Action Outreach to community—beginning 2nd quarter of 05

Organizations at URSTA conf Urban/Rural Specialized Transportation Association
3/05

STATE OF UTAH UNITED WE RIDE WORKGROUP

STATE ACTION PLAN – SHORT TERM GOAL ONE

Vision: Within the next 10 years, Utah will have a consumer responsive coordinated human service transportation network for the transportation disadvantage – seniors, the disabled and low-income individuals.

Goals:

Short – Term Goals

1. Increase the United We Ride Workgroup to include representatives from public, private and non-profit transportation and human services providers; participation by the public; and representatives addressing the needs of persons with disabilities.

Status: The Workgroup has been expanded to reflect the stakeholders needed to develop a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Additional stakeholders will be added as identified.

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